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SUBJECT: UN ENTRY OF TWO GERMAN STATES: SOVIET

DIPLOMAT' S VIEWS

1. SUMMARY: AT LUNCH WITH EMBOFF MAY 7, SOVIET POL
COUNSELOR KOPTELTSEV GAVE WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS SOME
" PERSONAL VIEWS" ON BERLIN PROBLEMS AND ON MATTERS
CONNECTED WITH THE ENTRY OF THE FRG AND GDR INTO THE
UN. END SUMMARY.

2. KOPTELTSEV BROACHED THE UN ENTRY SUBJECT IN THE WAKE
OF A DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS WITH THE FRG OVER BERLIN,
DURING WHICH HE CHARGED THAT THE FRG WAS TAKING A
HIGHLY AGGRESSIVE STANCE AND THAT THE SOVIETS, FAR
FROM WISHING TO CREATE PROBLEMS, WERE SIMPLY REACTING TO
PRESSURES CREATED BY THE GERMAN SIDE. WHEN REMINDED
OF THE RECENT CRUDE SOVIET BEHAVIOR AT THE INDUSTRIAL
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EXHIBIT IN BERLIN (BERLIN 741), KOPTELTSEV RUEFULLY CONCEDED THAT THIS HAD BEEN BADLY HANDLED BY THE SOVIETS FROM EAST BERLIN AND THAT THIS EVENT HAD CONVINCED THE GERMANS OF THE NEED TO RAISE THE BERLIN PROBLEMS IN THE UPCOMING BREZHNEV- BRANDT TALKS. HE ADDED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD HOPED TO AVOID THIS TOPIC IN THE SUMMIT DISCUSSIONS.

3. KOPTELTSEV ASKED WHETHER THE FRG HAD ENDEAVORED TO HAVE THE US WEIGH IN ON BERLIN WITH THE USSR DURIED VIEW THAT, IF ALL THOSE MATTERS ARE RECTIFIED, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR ICCS. SULLIVAN DISPUTED THIS, SAYING THESE WERE THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE ICCS WAS EXPECTED TO SERVE, RATHER THAN TO BE A POLICE FORCE TRYING TO ENFORCE THE CEASE- FIRE.

5. EVENTUALLY, COLLINS WITHDREW HIS HARD CHARGE AND SETTLED FOR AN UNDERTAKING ON U. S. PART TO GIVE CANADA A FULL, AUTHORITATIVE BRIEFING ON THE RESULTS OF OUR TALKS WITH DRV. HE SAID HE ASSUMED MITCHELL SHARP WOULD PREFER TO COME TO WASHINGTON FOR THIS PURPOSE AND TO BE PUBLICLY SEEN TO BE MAKING UP HIS MIND ON THE BASIS OF THE FACTS AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME.

6. DISCUSSION ENDED WITH SULLIVAN AGREEING TO BE IN TOUCH WITH OTTAWA THROUGH CANADIAN EMBASSY UPON HIS RETURN FROM PARIS TALKS. ROGERS

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AND THE THREE ALLIES.

5. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SAID HE WONDERED WHAT SORT OF REFERENCE TO THE FRG' S REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN WOULD BE MADE IN THE UN ENTRY PROCESS. HE COMMENTED THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD BE FIRMLY OPPOSED TO ANY REFERENCE APPEARING IN THE FRG' S ENTRY APPLICATION. THEY WOULD UNDERSTAND IF ANY OF THE ALLIES WISHED TO REFER TO WEST BERLIN' S REPRESENTATION BY THE FRG IN A STATEMENT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, BUT WOULD OF COURSE MAKE A STATEMENT OF THEIR OWN POSITION IN REBUTTAL IN THAT EVENT. KOPTELTSEV SAID, STRESSING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING CONFIDENTIALLY, THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN BONN HAD BEEN PROPOSING FOR SOME TIME THAT THE UN ENTRY PROCESS FOR THE TWO GERMAN STATES SHOULD BE AS SMOOTH AS POSSIBLE: THIS APPROACH HAD MET WITH SOME OPPOSITION IN MOSCOW (FYI: HE MENTIONED BONDARENKO IN THE FONOFF), BUT GROMYKO WAS REPORTEDLY IN FAVOR OF IT. KOPTELTSEV SAID
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THAT AS THE TIME FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL DECISION NEARED, HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO HAVE A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH EMBOFF ON UN- RELATED QUESTIONS. EMBOFF SAID HE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE DESIRABLE BUT THAT THE REAL WORK OF CONSULTATION WOULD PROBABLY
BRANDT' S RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON. EMBOFF SAID HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT HAD BEEN SAID IN WASHINGTON ON THIS TOPIC, BUT NOTED THAT BERLIN HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN DISCUSSED SINCE IT WAS MENTIONED IN THE FINAL DECLARATION. EMBOFF ADDED THAT THE BERLIN ISSUE, I. E. THE FRG' S REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN ABROAD, WAS OBVIOUSLY BECOMING A HOT DOMESTIC ITEM IN THE FRG AND COMMENTED THAT IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY CONTINUE TO BE ONE AS LONG AS THE SOVIETS PERSISTED WITH THEIR RESTRICTIVE POLICY ON THE MATTER.

4. EMBOFF SAID THIS QUESTION WAS ESPECIALLY PRESSING AT THE PRESENT TIME IN CONNECTION WITH THE FRG' S REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN IN THE UN. HE NOTED THAT THE ALLIES HAD PROVIDED A COPY OF THE BKC/ L AUTHORIZING THE FRG TO REPRESENT WEST BERLIN TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN LAST WEEK. KOPTELTSEV SAID HE HAD HEARD OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE DOCUMENT BUT PROFESSED NOT TO HAVE SEEN IT. HE SAID, SOMEWHAT DEJECTEDLY, THAT THERE WERE

POOR COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET EMBASSIES IN
BONN AND EAST BERLIN. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS QUES-
TION HAD GENERATED SOME POLITICAL HEAT IN BONN, HOWEVER,
AND SAID HE HOPED IT COULD BE DEALT WITH IN A WAY THAT
WOULD NOT ENGENDER ANY SERIOUS DISPUTE BETWEEN THE USSR

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